



HOLDING STATEMENT

To Aberdeenshire Council Planning Dept, Ward 18 Councillors, Rock Solid / HFM Consultants

For your information and with reference to the POAN for the Proposed Storage and occasional processing of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) adjacent to the Park Quarry the community council wishes to state its position as follows:

1. The CC believes that this POAN should be withdrawn with immediate effect. This IBA proposal is premised by the long term existence of an adjacent quarry. It is essentially a permanent facility. The Park Quarry's planning conditions negate the IBA proposals justification as the consent expires in under two years. This proposal is therefore inappropriate as it is dependent on another set of planning consents and conditions changing, about which we are not being consulted. It seems a bit like putting in a planning application in for a bridge when there isn't a river.
2. Notwithstanding the above, this proposal implies a very significant development for the processing of industrial waste in the countryside. The POAN was apparently submitted on behalf of Rock Solid BV on 12th March proposing a public consultation 25th March and a deadline for comments on 24th April. This didn't even get onto the CC's radar until 19th March which raises serious questions as to how this 'consultation' was advertised or even if it's been advertised at all. Nevertheless, the public consultation was cancelled for good reasons (Covid-19) but the deadline for comments remains. Under the current circumstances 'Covid-19 Lockdown' the community, its families and individuals like everyone else globally are busy trying to safeguard themselves and others and learn how to make 'Lockdown' sustainable. It beggars belief that anyone can imagine any community is in a position to give something like this attention at this time. The CC believes that this POAN should be withdrawn forthwith.
3. In the absence of the above, the processing of incinerator ash in this location would warrant a much more sincere public consultation, which this clearly is not.

The community Council requests that Aberdeenshire council returns this POAN to Rock Solid BV as entirely inappropriate on all three points above.

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